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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7543**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1209

**NOTE PREPARED:** Feb 27, 2003

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 26, 2003

**SUBJECT:** State educational institution credit agreements.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Herrell

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** ☒ **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill provides that: (1) an articulation agreement entered into by a regional campus of a state educational institution must be honored by the main campus and other regional campuses of the same state educational institution; and (2) a student may not be denied credits granted by a regional campus of a state educational institution under an articulation agreement if the student transfers to the main campus or another regional campus of the same state educational institution. It requires the Statewide Transfer and Articulation Committee to (1) develop and maintain a computerized interactive student accessible web based system of courses that are transferred between educational institutions and submit a report to the Legislative Council annually; (2) develop statewide transfer of credit agreements for courses that are most frequently taken by undergraduates; (3) develop statewide agreements under which Associates of Arts and Associate of Science programs articulate fully with related baccalaureate degree programs; and (4) publicize a master list of course transfer of credit and program articulation agreements.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2003.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) The Higher Education Commission would incur some additional expenses in developing and maintaining computerized interactive student accessible web based system of courses that are transferred between educational institutions and submitting a report to the Legislative Council annually. The impact of developing the website could range from a minor to significant fiscal impact depending on the type of website developed. If the web site is a static site that contains information on the courses offered at college X and transferable to college Y, then the impact would be minor. If the web site is an interactive and dynamic site like other states have, then the cost could be significant. The Higher Education Commission estimates that cost of developing the dynamic web site could be \$1.3 M for FY 2004 and approximately \$600,000 annually after FY 2004. Implementation of this

provision would be dependent on the Commission's budget and resources. This bill does not contain an appropriation.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** State Universities; Higher Education Commission.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** Ken Sauer, Higher Education Commission 464-4400.

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